



**Port Elgin Legion
Branch 340**

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BRANCH LINE

Inside this issue you will find.... what is happening this month... Committee Reports.... general information and a wee bit of humor too. We welcome your articles and will be more than glad to insert them in future issues. Thanks to those who have submitted in the past.

Please refer to the President's Message as these are important issues which need your attention.

We have some pictures from the Chili Cook-off and a few more will be featured in next month's issue.

Have a Happy Valentine's Day on the 14th and wishing everyone a Happy Family Day too which is on Monday, February 18th. Enjoy time with your family and do something fun and exciting.

The Editors



LEST WE FORGET



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our January General Meeting had to be cancelled as we did not have a quorum, so no business was able to be conducted. Please support your Executive and Branch by making an effort to attend the following General Meetings and each Meeting begins at 7:30 pm I the upstairs hall.

Tuesday, February 5th
Tuesday, March 5th
Annual General Meeting and Elections on Tuesday, April 2nd

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A suggestion has been made to remove the wooden partition in the Canteen between the lounge area and the entertainment area to allow better viewing of the events. Your Executive would like to hear feedback from you, the members, before making a recommendation to the General Meeting. Please forward your comments in writing to the Branch or to any Executive Member by March 19th. This is your opportunity to voice an opinion before any decision is made.

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LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GIRLS IN MY CIRCLE

When I was little I used to believe in the concept of one best friend,
And then I started to become a woman.
And then I found out that if you allow your heart to open up,
God would show you the best in many friends.

One friend will meet your spiritual need, another shoe craze,
Another your love for movies, another will be with you in your season of confusion,
Another will be your clarifier, another wind beneath your wings.

But whatever their assignment in your life, on whatever the occasion,
On whatever the day, or wherever you need them to meet you with their gym shoes on and hair pulled back,
Or to hold you back from making a complete fool of yourself,
Those are your best friends.

It may all be wrapped up in one woman for someone, but for many it's wrapped up in several.
One from primary school, one from secondary school,
Several from college years, a couple from old jobs,
On some days your mother, on some days your neighbour,
On others, your sisters, and on some days your daughters.

To all of the girls in the Ladies Auxiliary circle, thank you for being my friend.
Happy Valentine's Day to everyone.

Diane Mills, President
Branch 340 – Port Elgin

MEMBERSHIP



Initiation – January 4, 2013

Cde Sharen Maas stands with newly initiated Leo Campbell as an Associate member of Branch 340.

Welcome, Leo.

Application forms are available from the Bar Steward.

In Comradeship,
Sharen Maas
Membership Chair
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VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DAY

Branch 340 celebrated its volunteers on Sunday, January 20th. The weather was very inclement, but we forged ahead and 26 members came out to enjoy themselves.

Thanks to those who helped with the food, set-up and clean-up.

The date for next year's event will definitely be re-considered to the better weather.

In Comradeship,
President Eastwood

SUPPORT PAISLEY BRANCH 295

Paisley Legion Branch 295 is OPEN on Thursdays. 3 - 8 pm; Friday 3 -11 pm and Saturday 3 - 8 pm while we work around the re-construction after the Fall Fire.

Join us Friday, February 09th for Meat Rolls and Wings starting at 3 pm. Wings ready for 4:30. Takeout will be available. Come out with your friends and have some fun while helping the Legion get back on its feet. Your patience during this slow rebuild has been appreciated. Hopefully back in full service in early Spring. Please pass info to anyone I may have missed.

Thanks,
Dan H.

FIRST TIME

A young Chinese couple from Toronto get married. She's a virgin. Truth be told, he is a virgin too, but she doesn't know that.

On their wedding night, she cowers naked under the sheets as her husband undresses in the darkness.

He climbs into bed next to her and tries to be reassuring.

"My darwing," he whispers, 'I know dis yo firss time an you berwy fighten. I pomise you, I give you anyting you want, I do anyting - juss anyting you want. You juss ask watchu want?' he says, trying to sound experienced and worldly, which he hopes will impress her.

A thoughtful silence follows and he waits patiently (and eagerly) for her request.

She eventually shyly whispers back, "I want twy sumping I hear bout fum odda girls... Numbaa 69."

More thoughtful silence from him. Eventually, in a puzzled tone he asks her....

"You want..... garwic chicken wif snow peas?"



10TH ANNUAL CLIFF SEAMAN MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF



On behalf of Bob and myself I would like to say a huge Thank You to everyone who participated in our 10th Annual Chili Cook-off in memory of our late Comrade Cliff Seaman. Ernie Seaman and Joanne Dreidger represented the family and conveyed their thanks to the Branch for carrying on this event in Cliff's name.

We had 15 entries this time, double+ what we had last year. We welcomed some new participants which was really nice to have. The Judges had quite the time in deciding on the best entry. The winners this year were 1st Place Annemarie Kinsmen, 2nd Place Shirley Dadswell and 3rd Place Brian Cassidy. The two girls were new participants so we hope to see them again next year. Unfortunately Annemarie was not available to accept her award and will be presented shortly and pictured in next month's issue.

Our judges were Mayor Mike Smith, Police Chief Dan Rivett, John Divinski from 98 the Beach Radio and his partner Ann Veyvera. We welcomed a new Judge on the panel - Joanne Robbins, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce. Judge Ann was also our host Emcee.

We appreciate the donations and everyone who indulged in a bowl of chili afterwards. The total proceeds raised from the entries and sales was \$547.75 and the Branch will be topping off the amount with another \$300.00 for a total of \$847.75. The money will be donated to the Canadian Cancer Society – Bluewater Unit at our Annual General Meeting in April.

Thanks to Sharen Maas and Shirley Dadswell for the desserts. Thanks to Brenda Collins for the extra ladles, sorry you weren't able to join us. Special thanks to Elizabeth and Blair Eby for helping Bob and myself with the clean-up afterwards. Many hands do make light work.

This event will always be held on the last Saturday in January. We welcome your participation and look forward to seeing you next year. The more the merrier!

Congratulations again to the winners!

Bob and Rhonda Harrison
Convenors

10th ANNUAL CLIFF SEAMAN MEMORIAL CHILI COOK-OFF



This year we had 15 entries which is up from the 7 last year. We had some new participants – which is nice too. We really appreciate those who participated and made the event what it was.

The last Saturday in January is the official date for the Annual Cliff Seaman Memorial Chili Cook-off.

Mark your calendar and we hope to see you next year.



Our judges certainly had a difficult time in selecting the winning entries.

Judges L – R, Ann Veyvara, Joanne Robbins, John Divinski, Dan Rivett and Mayor Mike Smith.

Thanks are extended to Donna Smith and Glenna Rivett for helping with some of the food preparations.



Shirley Dadswell is the 2nd Place Winner and is being pinned by Judge Ann Veyvara.



Brian Cassidy, no stranger to the winner's circle, placed 3rd in this year's event.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



LADIES CARD CLUB
 Tuesday Afternoons
 Upstairs Hall
 Start 1:30 pm

EUCHRE
 Thursday at 7:30 pm
 Canteen

TRIVIA NIGHT
 Friday February 15
 Start 8:00 pm
 Canteen

IN-HOUSE CRIBBAGE
 2nd Tuesday of each month
 Start 7:30 pm
 Canteen

DANCE CLUB
 Friday at 8:00 pm
 Upstairs Hall

MEAT RAFFLES
 Saturday - February 2 & 16
 Canteen

BINGO every Wednesday
 Doors open at 6:30 pm
 Bingo at 7:30 pm –
 \$700. Jackpot

EUCHRE
 Saturday at 1:30 pm
 Canteen

JAMBOREE
 Sunday February 3
 2:00 – 5:00 pm
 Upstairs Hall



AIR CADETS
340 (Griffin) Squadron, Port Elgin



DONATION PRESENTATION

L-R: President Eastwood is presenting Cde Steven Pellow, Legion Liaison to the Air Cadets, a cheque in the amount of \$4,200. to offset their operating budget.

\$3,000. was donated from the Charity Account and \$1,200. from the Poppy Trust Fund.

The remaining amount of \$1,300. of our \$5,500. annual donation is yet to be presented.

Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is. The way you cope with it is what makes the difference.

UNIVERSAL LAWS:

1. **Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.
2. **Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
3. **Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. **Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal and someone always answers.
5. **Law of the Alibi** - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.
6. **Variation Law** - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).
7. **Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
8. **Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
9. **Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
10. **Law of Bio-Mechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
11. **Law of the Theatre and Hockey Arena** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies, and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
12. **The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. **Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
14. **Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.
15. **Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
16. **Brown's Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
17. **Oliver's Law of Public Speaking** - A closed mouth gathers no feet.
18. **Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.
19. **Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.



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Valentine's Dance

**Saturday, February 16th
8:00 - Midnight**

**Entertainment provided by
“Crippled Duck”**





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Entertainment Featuring

The Danns

Saturday March 2nd

8:00 pm - Midnight

Fundraiser to upgrade our Roof

All proceeds to the Building Fund

Event is open to the Public

Doors open at 7:00 pm

Upstairs Hall

Thank you for your Support



NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LEGION LAUNCHES NATIONAL LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN FOR IMPROVED FUNERAL AND BURIAL BENEFITS FOR VETERANS

ELMIRA, ON, January 31, 2013 – Mr. Gordon Moore, Dominion President of The Royal Canadian Legion, accompanied by Mr. Phil Fredette, the Government Relations Chair of the Funeral Service Association of Canada and Mr. Jean-Pierre Goyer, Executive Director of the Last Post Fund, announced the launch of a national letter writing campaign to request that the government improve the *Funeral and Burial Benefits Program* for Veterans, earlier today at Legion Branch 469.

"At every biennial Dominion Convention since 2004, the Legion has requested the federal government to make some important improvements to the Veterans *Funeral and Burial Benefits Program* and is dismayed by their inaction," said Mr. Moore.



"There should be no doubt that the issue of adequate funeral and burial support is an urgent issue for Second World War and Korean War Veterans. The majority of these men and women are in their 90s; approximately 2,000 pass on each month," added Mr. Moore.

"Starting today, we are calling on our approximately 330,000 members to send a letter to their respective MPs highlighting the need for government action to improve the Funeral and Burial Benefits program. All Canadians who wish to support our efforts are encouraged to do so by visiting our website and downloading our letter at www.legion.ca/," concluded Mr. Moore.

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					1 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	2 GROUNDHOG DAY MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM
3 JAMBOREE 2 – 5 PM SUPER BOWL POT LUCK 4:00 PM	4 MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM	5 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM GEN. MTG 7:30 PM	6 BINGO 7:30 PM	7 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	8 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	9
10	11 MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM	12 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM L/A GEN. MTG 7:30 PM IN HOUSE CRIBBAGE 7:30 PM	13 BINGO 7:30 PM	14 EUCHRE 7:30 PM Happy Valentine's Day	15 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM TRIVIA NITE 8:00 PM	16 MEAT ROLL 4:00 PM VALENTINE'S DANCE 
17	18  FAMILY DAY	19 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM	20 BINGO 7:30 PM	21 EUCHRE 7:30 PM	22 DANCE CLUB 8:00 PM	23 PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST 10:00 AM
24	25 MONDAY NIGHT DART LEAGUE 8:00 PM	26 LADIES CARD GROUP 1:30 PM JOINT EXEC. MTG WITH L/A 7:00 PM	27 BINGO 7:30 PM	28 EUCHRE 7:30 PM		

~ Please join us for our various events and help support your Branch ~